Sept. 21, 1967

Dear Hal:

Received your latest letter and enclosure. This morning I spoke with Jim Eason. He said he would try to call you either today or tomorrow(Friday). Someone from my class had called KCBS when Eason was on yesterday and had suggested that you be called. I hope to get in a similar call today and perhaps get the program started on the case. I will also suggest that Eason contact you and ask questions about both Photo Whitewash and the New Orleans book.

I'm enclosing a money order in the amount of $85 of which $80 is to be part of the money promised you for coming to the West Coast. The remaining $5 is to cover the cost of "Photographic Whitewash" for a student in my class who would like a copy. Can you mail this to my address and I'll see to it that he gets the copy. Thanks.

Now about the brochures on "Photo Whitewash": In discussing this with the student who said he would circulate the brochures it was his feeling that the printed one showing the Lovelady photo next to Oswald was a more attractive one. He couldn't afford more than $2 towards any amount you sent, though, so if it is possible to send the printed ones without it being too costly on your part he would appreciate it. In the absence of that I guess the mimeo job would have to suffice and I am sure he could get those distributed. He said about 2000 would be OK.

Under separate cover I'll also enclose the tape of the BBC broadcast which I mentioned in my last two letters. It might be a good idea to send Garrison a copy of this since it contains information on the epileptic fit and the witness to the Tippit murder who has not elsewhere mentioned.

I'll try to answer some questions you raised in other letters and also call your attention to some things we've found. First, you wanted to know where to find further reference to the arrest of Sharp in the Dal-Tex Bldg. You'll find this in Vol. 24, P. 310.

Your point about Dalzell being possibly connected with CIA is not surprising. His connections with Banister and Friends of Democratic Cuba would indicate this. Incidentally, in mentioning oil men look at the testimony of Paul M. Raigorodsky in Vol. 9. His testimony refers to other oil men, the Tolstoy Foundation(p.4), Schlumberger Co.(p.16) and a curious reference by Jenner to "ice skating" which seems a rather unusual point to raise (p. 18) concerning De Mohrenschildt. Remember that Ferrie had travelled to Texas on Nov. 22 to go "duck hunting" and "ice skating"? Is it just a coincidence that Jenner brought this up?

One of the students in my class has identified Leopold Ramos Ducos. He found a reference to Ducos in the Hispanic American Report, May, 1962, P.232. This was a journal(no longer in print now) published by Ronald Hilton of Stanford. You'll remember that he was the one who first told the details of Cuban exile training camps in the U.S. preparing for the Cuban Invasion which was reported in the Nation. This was the first time that any public attention was given to such preparations. (it wasn't the first time though that information was printed about such preparations, though, for William Worthy once told me that he had printed a story in the Baltimore Afro-American in Sept., 1960 and therefore was the first to publish the details. Incidentally, if I haven't mentioned

it in previous letters Worthy is a good source on Cuba, having good contacts with the Cuban government. I suggest you contact him. He lives at 210 E. 19th St., NY, NY, 10003 (Apt.#2) and his phone is SP-7-6346.).

Here is the reference to Ducos from the HAR:"PUERTO RICO - LABOR DISTURBANCES: "In a move presumably favored by the PPD (Partido Popular Democratico) to give the Puerto Rican labor force more autonomy, an assembly of the island's hotel workers voted to sever relations with the mainland Hotel & Restaurant Employees Union (HEI-AFL-CIO). Subsequently, the Brotherhood of Teamsters established a five-year mutual aid pact with the International HEI and, without consulting either Puerto Rican leaders, installed Leopoldo Ramos Ducos as a trustee of Local 610, thereby affecting three of San Juan's largest hotels (see HAR, XV: P. 137-April, 1962). Under the leadership of Hipolito Marcano, the local HEI-AFL-CIO had attempted to prevent the Teamsters from assuming command of the union, thus instigating alegal dispute which was expected to turn into a major battle. In the meantime, the Puerto-Rican Senate began a study of the relationships between local and mainland unions, in an effort to prevent unwanted elements from infiltrating into the island's labor force."

The HAR reference of April, 1962 states the following:"TEAMSTER ACTIVITY: Because of illegal picketing and vandalism at La Concha Hotel, located in San Juan, the Brotherhood of Teamsters was in trouble with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) and the U.S. District Court. In an election held in January giving La Concha workers a choice of remaining with the AFL-CIO or joining the Teamsters, the Teamsters won 203 to 32. However, the AFL-CIO disputed the result, claiming that the Teamsters had bribed and coerced the workers. While the NLRB investigated the charges, the Teamsters had organized a strike among some 450 La Concha workers, who begin to picket, demanding a 'package deal' of wage increases and social benefits. The U.S. District Court then ordered the Teamsters to cease picketing because they had not yet been recognized by the NLRB. The Teamsters were found in contempt of court when they did not comply with the court order, and a "stiff" new order was issued in an effort to end the strike. As a result of the NLRB investigation, the election victory was nullified on the grounds that the Teamsters had interfered with the employees' free choice. This was not the first kind of teamster malpractices in Puerto Rico to be denounced, yet the union appeared to be gaining strength (HAR, XIV; P.899-900). In the past, the Teamsters had staged strikes at the plant of the newspaper EL IMPARCIAL, the Hotel Barranquitas, located some 30 miles inland from San Juan, and the Ponce Intercontinental Hotel. While the La Concha strike was going on, the Teamsters filed an appeal for an election involving more than 1,200 workers at the Puerto Rico Telephone Company and in another dispute were ordered to stop coercing workers of the Valencia Baxt Express Company. In addition, the local boss, Frank Chavez, was on trial for murder."

All of this may not be important but since Sylvia Odio lived (or lives) in Ponce, Puerto Rico it could be important. Apparently Ducos was mixed up in some criminal activity that might relate in some way with Odio. I guess the only way to approach this is to have her reinterviewed on this and see what she has to say.

Have you any information that both Quiroga and Arcacha Smith were connected with Friends of Democratic Cuba? This is what I came across in the New Orleans States-Item of May 17, 1967: "Quiroga was listed as a member of the Cuban Revolutionary Council,

headed by Sergio Araacha Smith, and was chairman for youth of the Friends of Democratic Cuba, of which Arcacha Smith was a leader." If true, since when did Friends of Democratic Cuba have a "youth group"? Who was in it and is it possible that students were contacted in order to get them into this "youth" group. If it is true it would indicate that the parent group was quite large and quite active since "youth" groups need a great deal of organizational talents to be developed.

The other day I came across a report of an interview with Gurvich in which at the veryend of the article Gurvich referred to Garrison's "obsession" with a man who had a scar over his left eye who was involved in the assassination. The point by Gurvich was that this person was a figment of Garrison's imagination. I don't have the article with me but I'll obtain it. There were two things I recalled about this that interested me and I wanted to call your attention to. The Gurvich comment about the man with a scar over his left eye was left out of a similar story appearing in another news story containing the same points, raised by Gurvich. This reference (to the scar) was the only thing left out. One other point is that in the volumes there's a reference to such a man. See Vol. 25, p. 349. If such a story turned out to be true this could be the man Garrison is seeking.

Did you know that NBC once offered its services to help defend Jack Ruby? According to "The Trial of Jack Ruby" by John Kaplan & Jon R. Waltz (p.24) the following appeared: "Meanwhile Ruby and his family were growing impatient with Howard's inability to find a chief counsel. After all, in the two days after the shooting of Oswald they had received calls from about a dozen different lawyers all volunteering their services. Among these were San Francisco's famous Jake Ehrlich; and in connection with this proposition the National Broadcasting Company, apparently scenting a tie-in between the Sam Benedict series - modeled on the life of Ehrlich - and the Ruby trial, had offered its aid ij conducting the defense. After considering this offer for a while, Ruby and his family rejected it..."

The pamphlet published by INCA known as "What Lies Ahead?" lists Mario Bermudez on its "International Advisory Committee". Bermudez is identified as Secretary General, Inter-American Municipal Organization. Bermudez is also the man who wrote Clay Shaw inviting him to appear in San Francisco on Nov. 22, 1963. Turner said that after the assassination Bermudez went to Washington. I believe he said he got a State Dept. briefing there and then went on to Spain where he may still be.

Could Melvin Coffey be the same Coffey mentioned somewhere in the Volumes who was somehow involved in a plot to assassinate Stanley Nieman Marcus? Sorry I don't have reference to Volume number but I'll have someone track this down.

I spoke to Dolan a day or so ago. He said he was under no pressure from KNEW on the assassination. He said the station was "delighted" with the Garrison interview. I asked him if they were interested in having you on his program since you wer coming out. He said he was and that he would be calling you soon and mention that we had talked about this. Dolan said that Harry Jones of the Kansas City Star had called after learning about the Garrison interview. He has just completed a book on the Minuteman and wanted to learn more about the Minutemen involvement. Perhaps you might drop him a line or even send him one of your works. He may have some further information on Minutemen that might be relevant in this case.

A student in my class says that he heard a reliable report

that a Professor Robert F.W. Hawkenshire of the Criminolgy Dept. of Stanford University had access to classified information on the assassination and is to be appointed to some kind of a Federal investigation.

I've drawn up a list of persons who were either arrested at the time of the assassination or were near the scene who seem suspicious. These are mentioned in the volumes and I'll list them here:

Jim Braden - Vol.24, P.202
Vol.19, P.469

William Sharp - Vol.24, P. 310
Vol.20, P.499

Larry Florer - Vol. 19, P.476, P.517
Vol. 24, P. 208

(Florer is presumably the same as Larry Flora in Sprague's listing. See #132 & 133 of his frame list).

Have you seen the latest Playboy interview with Garrison? It's really an excellent one and should help him. I think it should be reprinted. I understand that the Mexican government siezed copies of Playboy last week under the excuse that it was a girlie magazine. Know anything about this?

Well, guess that is all for now. Hope to see you when you come here. Can you give me some indication of when you're coming? There is a place already reserved for you and every one here is looking forward to your visit. I have to let the TV & radio stations know well in advance your dates here so if you could let me know in your next letter it would be very helpful.

Best,
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